



***From Fr. Bill's Desk:***

Life is so cyclical. There are many cycles, but the one I'm thinking of is the daily cycle. I wake up, in quietude to prepare for the day. To be sure, there's shaving, showering, breakfast...but also prayerful acknowledgment of the gift of the new day and my hopes for it. Then that quiet of preparation turns into full-fledged action—the business of the day. After that, I decompress, as Carole and I share the day's events, eat supper, write letters, study, or watch the TV.

The church year is much like that. The upcoming season of Lent is a period of relatively “quiet” time for self-reflection and preparation for the glory of Easter. Without flagellating ourselves (remember, God loves us unconditionally, blemishes and all), we bring to mind the ways that we know that we've fallen short of God's expectations. With that, we also prepare for the stupendous grace of Easter—Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Wishes to each of you for a Holy Lent.

*~Fr. Bill Martin*